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1. In March 1954 the new North Korean citizenship cards were being issued in Ongjin-gun, Hwanghae Province, by the gun police station, under the direction of the gun police chief. As of 31 March approximately 50 percent of the residents¹ had received their new certificates. The certificate, which will expire 31 December 1958, presently entitles the owner to freedom to travel and to reside anywhere in North Korea.
2. To be eligible for the new certificate one had to be over 18 years of age, and either possess the old certificate,² be a discharged war-veteran, or be a strongly Communistic South Korean who had surrendered to North Korea. Disabled old people and cripples unable to walk unaided were not eligible for them.
3. In early March eligible residents of a village in Ongjin-gun were ordered to assemble, and were given their new certificate after the following took place:
 - a. The individual was asked his age.
 - b. The issuing officers closely compared the photograph on the new certificate with that on the old one.³
 - c. The individual signed his name and placed his fingerprint on the new certificate in the presence of the issuing officers; however, he did not sign the ledger, nor was he fingerprinted in the ledger.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. It is not clear whether the informant was referring to the population of the entire gun, or to a specific portion of it.
2. [REDACTED] Comment. The informant stated that people eligible for the new certificate had turned their old one over to the ri People's Committee by 15 January, together with photographs, a letter of application, and a 30 won fee. The old certificates were returned a few days later.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. Informant probably meant that the photograph on the new certificate was compared to the individual himself, as temporary citizenship certificates carried by about 90 percent of the people in the area did not contain photographs.

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